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TO: School District Superintendents and
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DATE: October 10, 2008

SUBJECT: America's Safe Schools Week

NATIONAL INTEREST

The National School Safety Center is asking all fifty states to recognize and participate in America's Safe Schools Week, **October 19 to 25, 2008**. It is my observation that Wyoming educators are among the most enthusiastic professionals regarding the need for safe schools.

I urge you to do everything in your power to ensure your schools are safe places where students can learn unburdened by fear, bullies, drugs, or hazardous environments. In particular, please make sure that:

1. Your staff and students know the **1-800-78-CRIME** anonymous tip line and are not reluctant to use it. Posters and brochures should be visible.
2. All pupils take home the **student ID kits** that the department will send out soon.
3. All at-risk students have a formal or informal **mentor or peer advocate** that will facilitate their connectedness with teachers and other students.

If you have any questions, please contact the Facilities and School Safety Consultant, Bruce Hayes, at 307-777-6198 or bhayes1@educ.state.wy.us.

Thank you for your work that keeps schools safe.

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